

BEAVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

We started this half term in a very special way celebrating 'International Mother Language' day. The purpose of the event was to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism within our school community. From live Tabla drumming upon arrival in the morning, children proud and excited to dress to celebrate and represent who they are, a live performance from Zulu musician Godfrey, to the joyful festival to conclude the day. It was a wonderful event and we want to thank the families who put in such time and effort to share their culture at the festival. Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate and share together.



Michael Davenport
Head of School



Ruth Byrne
Head of School

Please note that this half term Mr Davenport will be the Head of School at the First School and Mrs Byrne will be the Head of School at the Junior School.

March - A Month of Reading



This upcoming month of March is synonymous with everything Reading related and we are kicking things off with...

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

The theme of World Book Day is
'Read Your Way'

To celebrate, children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character or in cosy pyjamas.

Secret Reader Event

8th – 30th March 2024

We are asking Parents and Carers to join in with the book fun by volunteering to come into school to read with their child's class during story-time.

This will mean arriving at school 20 minutes before the end of the school day to share a story with the class. We want the Secret Reader to be a surprise, so please do not let the children know if you have signed up! If you would like to be a Secret Reader, please complete the online form that will soon be emailed on School Spider.



Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 26th March

All children from both schools are invited to take part in an Easter egg hunt around the First School playgrounds at 3:30-4:00pm. The start and end point will be on the EYFS playground. It costs £1 per child to take part and receive a treat.

Decorate an egg competition

Thursday 28th March



Children are invited to decorate an egg however they like for an entry fee of £1. Our kitchen team will be invited to judge and there will be two winners per year group. Eggs can be brought in on the day and will be sent home the same day.

Scholastic Book Fair

8th – 30th March

Our annual, much-anticipated Scholastic Book Fair is making a return to our school during our reading month of March! Parents and Carers will be able to order online or in person. Look out for more details on how to place orders coming soon.

All the money raised from the Book Fair means free books for our school. Last year, we raised over £1000 and this meant many new books for our classroom book areas.





Glory for Griffin House

At both schools, children in Griffin House have won the most attendance shields and earned the most house points. This is a glorious win for Griffins. We will be celebrating with a special Griffin Day on the last day of term (28.03.24). All Griffins are invited to wear blue for the day!

Congratulations are also in order to all of our newly elected Heads of Houses from last term.

Eco News!

We will be taking part in The Big Plastic Count from the 11th-17th March. Next week, we will be sending your child home with a tally chart to help with the count. Please return these to school once complete.

We will also be involved in the Great British Spring Clean from the 15th-31st March. We have pledged to fill 70 bags of litter through litter picks that will be taking place across both school sites to support 'Keep Britain Tidy' which is celebrating 70 years of protecting our environment.



Parking Reminder

When arriving at school by car, please prioritise the safety of all children by parking legally and responsibly, including when using the rear entrance at First School.

Online Safety

Click on the links below to access two new parent guides provided by NOS (National Online Safety) that have been added to the school's [eSafety webpage](#). They provide an easy to access [guide to group chats](#) and [top tips for safely using smartwatches](#). The guides, which are launched every week as part of the NOS [#WakeUpWednesday](#) campaign, are always worth looking out for.



Coffee Mornings

In addition to the monthly PTA coffee mornings, the school will be running coffee mornings each week for anyone who has a child at Beaver Road, offering guidance and support for various topics such as Early Help, e-safety and SEND. These will re-start on Friday 8th March in the First School staffroom at 9.10am. This session will be covering what Emotion Coaching is. A programme of events will be shared when we have confirmation from the external agencies we are working alongside.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th March**
Parents/ Carers Evening
- **Thursday 7th March**
World Book Day
- **Thursday 8th – 30th March**
School Book Fair arrives and Secret Reader event begins
- **Monday 11th – 17th March**
The Big Plastic Count begins
- **Friday 15th March**
Comic Relief – [School Uniform](#) with red accessories and donate using the link to our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/ruth-byrne-1709298288084?newPage=true>
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- **Thursday 28th March**
School closes at the end of the day for the Easter Holiday
- **Monday 15th April**
Children return to school

Year group specific information will be sent through your child's year group newsletter.

These and our whole school dates and events are also available on the school [website](#) and app. Please continue to regularly check these for updates.

